

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 407

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Representative Clinton Wilson Callicott.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of our friend and former colleague Clinton Wilson Callicott, a member of the 96th–99th Tennessee General Assemblies, who served in the House of Representatives from 1989 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, Clint Callicott was an exemplary and conscientious public servant and consummate professional, who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens, especially his constituents in the 61st House District, in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born into a family with deep roots in Williamson County, Clint Callicott grew up on the family farm, working the land and raising cattle. He graduated from Franklin High School and earned a degree in agriculture from the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded farmer and public servant, Clint Callicott was a leader in his community and worked tirelessly on issues dear to his heart, including agriculture, wildlife, education, community, athletics, and family; and

WHEREAS, offering himself for public service in 1982, Mr. Callicott won election to the Williamson County Commission, where he would serve two terms and receive high praise for his work, including his service as a committee chairman; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Clint Callicott was elected to the Tennessee General Assembly to represent the good citizens of House District 61, which included Williamson County. He subsequently won reelection to the House of Representatives in 1990, 1992, and 1994; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the House of Representatives, Clint Callicott worked tirelessly to help the citizens of his district and rendered sterling service as a member of the

Fiscal Review Committee, the Conservation and Environment Committee, and the Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, elected county executive of Williamson County in 1998, Mr. Callicott will be remembered for his leadership on many important projects, including the establishment of the arena at the agricultural expo park, which opened in 2001, and his continuous support of Williamson County Schools; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader among his peers, he was a co-founder of the Grassland Athletic Association, co-founder of the University of Tennessee at Martin rodeo team, and three-term member of the state board of the Tennessee Farmer's Co-operative; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Callicott lent his time and talents to a number of civic, community, and charitable organizations, including the Franklin Rotary Club, the National Rifle Association, the Farm Bureau, the Tennessee Conservation League, the Franklin Century Club, the Grassland Parents Club Association, Inc., the Williamson County Co-operative, and the Dixie Youth Baseball Grassland Franchise; and

WHEREAS, Clint Callicott is survived by his beloved wife of forty-three years, Carolyn; sons, Clayton (Molly) Callicott and Claude (Lee Ann) Callicott; and grandchildren, Sarah Beth, Nolan, Ella, and Marian; and

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his brother, Pled Duncan (Virginia) Callicott; his sister, Dorris Douglass; a number of nieces and nephews; and a host of dear friends and former colleagues; and

WHEREAS, greatly respected and admired by his many friends and colleagues, Representative Callicott loved Tennessee and took great pride in making his community and State a better place for all; his unmatched record in public service stands as a monument to a life well lived; and

WHEREAS, Clint Callicott leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of our former colleague Representative Clinton Wilson Callicott, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a legislator, public servant, and human being, and commend his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Representative Callicott.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.